



## Frank Mendez Jr.

July 8, 1962 - February 7, 2019

Lifelong Moses Lake resident, Frank “Franky” Mendez Jr. passed away unexpectedly Thursday, February 7, 2019. He was born in Moses Lake, July 8, 1962.

Frank was a 1980 Moses Lake high school graduate. Following high school, he followed his father and brother’s footsteps in becoming a member of the Laborer’s Union. For 36 years he worked highway construction extending the pacific northwest from Alaska to Southern California and few other states. Since May 2016, Frank had remained an active member of the Laborers Union, after he had been injured.

Anyone who knew Frank would tell you that he loved fishing, riding Harleys, eating and cooking good food. He shared his passion for long motorcycle roadtrips with his cousin Luis Gonzalez of Northern California. While working in the North, Frank was thrilled to have enjoyed charter boat fishing in Alaska. Frank had a love for life and learning and had a wonderful way of expressing his life experiences though his storytelling.

Frank was preceded in death by his father Francisco Javier Mendez Sr., mother Lucrecia Rodriquez Mendez, first born brother Javier Francisco, and sister Amanda Icela Gonzales. He is survived by his wife Cheryl Ann Donner, from Casper, Wyoming, their son, Tomas Miguel Mendez, 2 brothers, 3 sisters, and many nephews, nieces and cousins all who loved him very much. Memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at Kayser’s Chapel of Memories 831 South Pioneer Way, Moses Lake,

Washington. Viewing will be held from 2-3 p.m. prior to the service. Please express your thoughts and memories for the family at [www.kayserschapel.com](http://www.kayserschapel.com). Arrangements are under the care of Kayser's Chapel of Memories.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 13. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories  
831 S. Pioneer Way  
Moses Lake, WA

## Service

FEB 13. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

PW

“ *Patty White lit a candle in memory of Frank Mendez Jr.* ”



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**Patty White** - July 17, 2019 at 12:35 PM

PW

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**Patty White** - July 17, 2019 at 12:30 PM

NB

“ *Nora Bowman lit a candle in memory of Frank Mendez Jr.* ”



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**Nora Bowman** - February 25, 2019 at 04:48 PM

MR

“ You know the more live, the you realize just how short life is. I hadn't seen my childhood friend Franky Mendez Jr but 3 or 4 times in last 39 yrs. I happen to run into Franky early last week at Winco's, he actually spotted me by the meat dept and called me by name. We were to able to spend about 10 min reminiscing about old times and childhood friends. We talked his family particularly about his son who he was was very proud of. Frankly was always very kind and funny loved to to laugh and smile. Today I found out he had passed away, was a complete shock to me. My heart is heavy with sadness, am glad I got to visit with him. It was brief but we got to laugh alittle something Franky really enjoyed. Will miss you Big Fella. My condolences to the Mendez Family. Marlo Reyna

Marlo Reyna - February 15, 2019 at 01:50 AM

IS

Gracias Marlo, our brother loved reminicing with friends and family. Thank you for sharing your recent encounter and kind thoughts. We love and miss our dear brother. God Bless, Lollie

Idalia Shuman - March 17, 2019 at 10:48 AM

RG

My heart is sad to here my brother franke gone I grew up with him we did almost every thing together loved him very much i just heard about it a day ago my thoughts and prayers go out to the family it's Rudy Gonzales God hands now God bless u all

Rudy Gonzales - July 02, 2019 at 07:37 AM

DA

“ *El Tio Frankie oh how much we are going to miss you! We already missed you so much the last few times you didnt come down to California with Tio Javier. Gonna miss your laugh especially everytime you and my Tia Sonia were together. Puro risa. My condolences to the Mendez Family love you guys!*

♥ *Patty, Yvette, Daniella & kids*

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**Daniella Aranda** - February 13, 2019 at 06:35 PM

IS

*Gracias Daniella, your Tío loved you all very much. Some of his fondest memories since he was a little boy were times he spent con familia.*

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**Idalia Shuman** - March 17, 2019 at 10:54 AM

CM

“ *Tomas and I got to spend some time with franky before his passing and I'm very happy for that. You will be missed. Gone but never forgotten. We loved you*

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**Cheryl Mendez** - February 13, 2019 at 04:19 PM

AR

“ *Alma Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Frank Mendez Jr.*



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**Alma Rodriguez** - February 13, 2019 at 12:04 PM

AR

“ Querido primo Frankie, aunque no te conoci personalmente mi mami siempre nos platicaba mucho de cada uno de ustedes. Me duele mucho tu partida y desde la distancia oro para que emprendas este viaje feliz y tranquilo. Te recordaremos siempre. A todos mis primos Idalia, Rosy, Virginia, Javier, Juan Jose les envio un fuerte abrazo y les deseo mucha fortaleza. Love you guys.

Alini Diaz Rodriguez - February 13, 2019 at 11:15 AM

LD

“ Querida familia Mendez desde la distancia les acompaño y con mi corazon les abrazo. En memoria de mi primo Frankie elevo mis oraciones por su descanso eterno. Mi mas sentido pesame.



Lily Diaz - February 13, 2019 at 10:33 AM

Amy Jones Calkins

“ Thinking of the Mendez Family today. Prayers for comfort <3

Amy Jones Calkins - February 13, 2019 at 10:00 AM

GR

“ I'm going to miss you Frank I'm going to miss your laugh it was contagious and I miss fishing with you

Gary Rigdon - February 13, 2019 at 07:41 AM

JD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family..... Eddie & JoAnne*



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**JoAnne DeLaRosa** - February 12, 2019 at 09:17 PM

 Yollie Valentin

“ *Yollie Valentin lit a candle in memory of Frank Mendez Jr.*



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**Yollie Valentin** - February 12, 2019 at 04:01 PM

RR

“ *R.I.P. Frankie. Gone, but never forgotten.*

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**Rick and Eloise Ramos** - February 12, 2019 at 02:41 PM

RR

“ *Rick And Eloise Ramos lit a candle in memory of Frank Mendez Jr.*



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**Rick and Eloise Ramos** - February 12, 2019 at 02:40 PM

IS

“ *Idalia Shuman lit a candle in memory of Frank Mendez Jr.*



Idalia Shuman - February 12, 2019 at 01:13 PM

IS

“ *My prayers for our family to find comfort in knowing that Frankie had received some very good news the morning of February 7, 2019. He called his brother Javier, elated! Javier shared he had not hear Frankie be so happy in years. We were looking forward to having our happy loving brother back again after years of struggle. Bless you hermanito, I am so glad you know how much I loved you. How much I wanted you to have peace and joy in your life. God Bless you and grant your eternal rest. Forever in my heart. Idalia*



Idalia Shuman - February 12, 2019 at 12:24 PM

IS

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Idalia Shuman - February 12, 2019 at 12:12 PM

SZ

“ I’ve known Frankie & Mendez family since 1967, he was one my best friend’s little brother. I will always remember your playfull side & most of all that huge smile & that laugh that was recognizable anywhere, ran into him in LA airport & heard his laughter & turned around as I knew could only be Frankie. Rest In Peace my friend❤️

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**sylvia zamora** - February 12, 2019 at 01:23 AM



Alejandra Loera

“ this death of my loved one Frank Mendez was not something that any of my family was expecting or ready to face. I loved Frank like a father and he was a dang good father figure in my eyes, not only was Fank and my mother Lesette Loera in a long term partnership that lasted thru the last decade and even until now he's always made the time to t come see me and my children or call to check yo n us to see how things were going .. Frank has been involved in my family as we grow and learn all these years from being a teen to becoming a mother to my own children, my kids will be missing their papa Frank and I will not be easily coping with this all of sudden loss bc Frank is someone who would be there when I needed them most. I love him and thank God I would make sure to let him know that Everytime we had contact ... I send my condolences to his family also

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**Alejandra Loera** - February 11, 2019 at 08:53 PM

RH

“ Regina Hovgaard lit a candle in memory of Frank Mendez Jr.



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**Regina Hovgaard** - February 11, 2019 at 08:30 PM